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SAVE THE SCHOOLS FROM POLITICS.

"It is evident from recent debates in the Virginia Constitutional Convention," remarks the Baltimore American, "that the Old Dominion has, like all other American Commonwealths, suffered from the evils of a political management in school affairs." Our Baltimore contemporary then goes on to say that it is difficult to discover how this evil can be wholly eradicated under our system of government, but that there is in every community a strong demand that it be reduced to a minimum and that merit, and not political influence, shall be made the chief factor in the appointment and retention of all school officers and teachers.

The State of Virginia is expending from year to year an enormous sum of money for popular education. The combined State and local appropriations for this purpose amount, very nearly, if not quite, to \$2,000,000 annually. This is a heavy tax upon the people, and it is the bounden duty of the authorities to see to it that the money is expended as to produce the best possible results. We do not believe that this is the case in Virginia. We have reason to believe that this money is frequently so expended as to confer peculiar benefits upon school officials and their friends. We have reason to believe that there are more school-houses in some sections than are absolutely necessary, the additional houses being built to suit the convenience of some of the school trustees and their associates, if not to make room for additional teachers. Complaint is often made that the school term is too short, and this complaint was recently made from one of the southside counties. Yet a gentleman from that county recently said in our hearing that he had been informed by one of his countymen that there were three school-houses within easy reach of this citizen, and that there were six school-houses in his immediate vicinity, when he believed that two, one for the whites and one for the blacks, would be ample.

We have reason to believe that inferior teachers are sometimes accepted and superior teachers rejected for the reason that the inferior have political pull. We do not believe, from all that we have heard, that the merit system always prevails in the selection of teachers for our public schools.

It is a disgrace to any State to make the public school system a spoils system. It is a public outrage when a dollar of this money is expended for any other than the purpose for which it is contributed by the tax-payers, and such tax-payers are discouraged and disgusted when they know that abuses exist.

This is one of the most important questions before the people of Virginia to-day. If our public-school system is to flourish and grow in popular favor, and if we are to have the best results from this large sum of money that the people are paying for public education, we must divorce the system from politics; we must establish the rule of merit; we must put the system in the hands of men who are competent and honest and who have the true interests of the children of the State at heart.

A GOOD WORK.

The North Alabama Good Roads Association was organized at Birmingham Thursday as the result of the visit of the Southern Railway Company's good roads train, which has been making a tour through the South. That is an interesting announcement. This train has done much toward crystallizing public sentiment and directing the attention of the people to the necessity of making better roads. More than that, it has given the people object-lessons in road-making, and we trust that many good-roads associations will be organized here and there as a result of the railroad's enterprise.

Why has the Southern Railway Company gone to this expense? A railroad company is not a philanthropic organization. Railroads are run in this day to make money for the stockholders, but the railroad managers know that whatever tends to build up the country through which their lines pass, tends to make business for the railroads. The Southern Railway people know that every good country road which leads up to one of the Southern's stations improves the farms along its route and so becomes a feeder to the railroad. In short, these people know that good roads mean prosperity, and it is to the interest of the railroad company to make its patrons as prosperous as possible. In view of these facts the motive of the Southern Railway management in sending out this expensive train is not hard to find.

THE REAL QUESTION.

Referring to the fact that the bill to disfranchise negro voters was recently defeated in the Georgia House of Delegates by a vote of 113 to 17, the Augusta Chronicle says that apart from any question of ethics or equity, Georgia stands in the attitude of having absolutely no demand for the law. "The establishment of the white primary in Georgia," adds our contemporary, "is the happiest solution of the problem. All candidates run subject to the result of the primary, so that the nominees in the June primary are the only candidates to go before the October elections, and every voter is at liberty to vote for these candidates."

The "negro problem" in Virginia, politically speaking, is nothing like so bad as it has been represented to be, but the

trickery in elections is necessary to prevent negro rule, and so those who are in favor of honest elections have determined that the only way to get them is to eliminate the negro from politics. It was for this that the Constitutional Convention was called, and this is the purpose of every suffrage plan that has been introduced. It is well enough to keep that fact prominently in view. It is not negro domination that we fear, it is not negro domination that we are trying to guard against. The great purpose which this great body of men has in view is to deliver the Commonwealth from the corrupt practices which negro franchise has brought upon us.

We believe that the judiciary system of the State will be greatly improved by the plan which the Constitutional Committee on Judiciary has submitted. Indeed we believe that the Virginia system under this plan will be as good as any in the country, but it is to be noted that the saving is nothing like so great as the people were led to believe it would be. The cost under the present system is \$134,149.85; the cost under the proposed system would be \$115,896.70, a saving of \$18,253.15. We do not say this in criticism of the report. We believe that the members of the committee, most of whom are lawyers, have done the very best that could be done, and these men recognize the fact that it would be the poorest sort of economy to stultify the judiciary and deny to the people prompt and speedy trials in all actions at law.

The report of the Constitutional Committee on Public Institutions and Prisons contains at least two excellent features, the one providing that the penitentiary, branch prisons and prison farms shall be governed and controlled and superintended and surgeons appointed by a board of five directors, the latter to be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; the other providing that a sum not to exceed \$350,000 may be borrowed by consent of the Governor and Board of Visitors to make necessary improvements.

It is certainly a desirable thing to take the management of this institution out of State politics, and the need of more cell room and better sanitary arrangements at the institution is too well understood to need any argument. We are also pleased with section 9 of the committee's report providing for a State Board of Charities to consist of not less than five nor more than fifteen members, women being eligible to membership. A board of this character composed of kind-hearted and discreet men and women will do much for the cause of organized charity in Virginia.

It is announced that the William R. Trigg Shipbuilding Company has received the contract to build for the Standard Oil Company a large vessel to carry oil for the trans-Atlantic trade, the contract price being \$125,000.

Not only the company, but the city of Richmond, is to be congratulated on this acquisition. The William R. Trigg Shipbuilding Company is now one of our greatest and best institutions and is giving employment to large numbers of people. It has worked enough already secured to keep its numerous employees busy for a long time to come. The same may be said of the Richmond Locomotive Works. That industry has orders booked far ahead, and the works will undoubtedly have plenty to do for at least twelve months to come.

These two establishments are capable in themselves of supporting a good big town.

CURRENT TOPICS.
"Manifestly," says the Richmond Times, "there is a strong sentiment throughout Virginia in favor of dividing the school fund and giving to the negro only that part of the fund which he pays in."

Unfortunately, this is too true, and we are glad to note the same article from which the above statement is clipped. The Times expresses the sentiment. Such a division of the school fund would be simply to insure the continued ignorance and illiteracy of the negro, and that in itself would be heathenish, wicked and unworthy a people professing Christianity.

We favor radical changes in the method and the scope of negro education. We believe the African is incapable of holding it, if we may use the word, what we call higher education. There is not one negro in a hundred in all the Southland who can take a classical education. There is not one in a hundred, who, by education, can be properly and perfectly fitted for the professions. It is not in him.

Therefore, our system of educating the negro should be to prepare him to intelligently perform the duties for which the Almighty made him—those of a servant and laborer.

We want to see the negroes of Virginia properly educated at public expense. He should be taught to read and write and figure and think. The balance of his education, if any, should be obtained by a self-manual. Then if he wants and thinks he can "hold" higher education and the classics let him get them in the same way that thousands of poor white boys and white girls get them, by his own frugal industry. And when he has his own toll and labor—Newport News Herald.

In expressing his opinion of another, a man often gives out his mental and moral measurement. "This it was with the one who placed flowers on the grave of that human monster Nero. In like manner Hogz, of Texas, has added to his fame, by the distinction of being the one lone pangriest of Croker. What do I think of Croker?" he said. "Why I'll tell you. He's a noble, Christian, honest, upright gentleman. That's what he is. He's a friend of mine, and I'll stand up for him any day, yes, any day. And what do I think of Tammany? Do you want to know? Well, I'll tell you. Tammany is the cleanest, best managed, best disciplined and most wonderful political organization in the world." This comes from a far more correct idea of Hogz, than of Croker and Tammany.—Washington Herald.

Yes, we have read very carefully Mr. Glass' plan, and most of it we readily accept; but we cannot accept the "underclass clause," which is not exactly a "grandfather clause," but a "father clause." We will say for Mr. Glass' plan that it is as daylight to darkness as compared with either the majority or the minority plans that came from the suffrage committee.—Stanton News.

PERSONAL AND CRITICAL.
Alfred Mace, eldest son of Jem Mace, the once-noted pugilist, is now touring

California as an evangelist. He has been a preacher for twenty-four years and never makes any allusion to his father unless it be unfavorable.

If the voting machine will diminish the machine vote, by all means let us have it.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Prince Yoshio Yamamoto, a member of the Japanese Imperial family, is working as a mechanic in railroad shops at Altoona, Pa. He intends to spend three years there studying locomotive building and repairs. The Prince has two servants to look after his meals and other domestic affairs, but wears jumper and overalls when at work side by side with other mechanics.

What we hope over to do with ease we must learn first to do with diligence.—Johnson.

Richard H. Davenport, gauger and storekeeper in a distillery at Versailles, Ky., is said to be the oldest employee in point of age in the Federal service. He is 90 years of age and is on duty nearly every day. When Carrie Nation was a little girl, being then Carrie Moore, the daughter of a Kentucky cattle trader, Mr. Davenport was her Sunday-school teacher.

"There's love enough in this world," says an exchange, "to set the heavens on fire!"

We don't care to take that view of it; we'd rather hope there's love enough to put the fire out.—Atlanta Constitution.

When Franklin was about to establish The Pennsylvania Gazette, in 1728, his friends warned him that there were already three newspapers in the country, and that he would overdo the business. "The more papers," he replied, "will make the more readers." To-day there are 2,158 dailies and 20,579 publications of all sorts in the United States.

We are immortal till our work is done.—Whitefield.

Ignorance is the curse of God; knowledge is the wing wherewith we fly to Heaven.—Shakespeare.

Kweery—"How's your baby?" Nupop—"Alas, it is no longer mine!" "O, my! Not dead?" "No, but we're living with my wife's people at present, and it's our Mary's baby" now.—Philadelphia Record.

SAID OF RICHMOND.

Richmond evidently needs more policemen.—Farmville Herald.

Richmond is red hot for an army post. Yet some of the towns that have them are not so enthusiastic as they were before they got them. As an industry, the army post is in no wise so profitable as a gold brick factory, and the latter is easier to land.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Blackstone is not the only place where real estate is in active demand, especially residential property. Richmond, it seems, is suffering from the same complaint.—Blackstone Courier.

Virgilians Here.

Mr. Sunday Knight, of Springfield, Ohio, is registered at Murphy's.

Mr. D. DeVillier, of Pretoria, South Africa, is at Murphy's.

The Rev. W. T. Roberts, of Williamsburg, Va., is registered at Murphy's.

Murphy's—J. B. Ficklen, Virginia; C. Z. Robbins, Shenandoah; H. Garrett, Covington; J. C. Cunningham, Lynchburg; James Hancock, Lynchburg; H. W. Campbell, Suffolk; William H. Ewald, Portsmouth; John H. Webster, R. M. Barrett, W. M. Sturgis, R. H. Walker, Norfolk; C. H. Conner, Stuart; Graft, Thomas Spratt, Roanoke; C. W. Compton, Roanoke; John Cussart, Forest Lodge.

Lexington—C. H. S. Hallett, Newport News; Henry Easley, South Boston; H. M. White, White Hall; J. W. Wells, Waverly.

New Ford's—E. S. Yates, Hanover; John Mathen, East Richmond; Mrs. Laura F. Taylor, Doswell; Walter O. Carson, Appomattox court; T. M. Netherlands, Virginia; Dr. W. H. Lippitt, Virginia; J. H. Cox, Manchester; Mrs. Cheswell Dabney, and Miss Lucy Dabney, of Chatham.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Lizzie Thomas.
Mrs. Lizzie Thomas died yesterday morning at her residence, No. 281 East Clay Street. She was the wife of Mr. J. A. Thomas.

The funeral will take place at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon from the residence.

Dr. W. R. Patney.
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ARTONIA, VA., Nov. 22.—Dr. William R. Patney, a prominent physician, whose home was near New Canton, died very suddenly at 1 o'clock this morning. Dr. Patney was about sixty-five years old.

He had been a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church for many years. He has practiced medicine in this country since 1855. He will be greatly missed for his professional services and as an honest, upright, Christian gentleman.

Mrs. Martha Tucker.
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ROUGH CREEK, VA., Nov. 22.—Mrs. Martha Tucker died Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of her son, Mr. L. R. Tucker, who lives near here. She was about eighty years old, and had been an invalid for many years. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Camilla Robertson, of Providence, and two sons, Mr. L. R. Tucker and Mr. A. M. Tucker, both of this county.

H. F. Scott.
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WAYER, N. VA., Nov. 22.—H. F. Scott, a prominent planter and one of the most highly respected citizens of Sussex county, died at his home about two miles from this place at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon after an illness of several months' duration.

The immediate cause of death was sorosis of the liver.

Mrs. Maggie S. Love.
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., Nov. 22.—Mrs. Maggie Scott Love, wife of Mr. Thomas S. Love, and only daughter of the late Dr. E. W. Scott, of Amherst, died here today, aged twenty-four years.

Mrs. Henry F. Bocock.
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., Nov. 22.—A telegram has been received here, announcing the death at her home in Texas, of Mrs. Henry F. Bocock, eldest daughter of the late Colonel Benjamin P. Walker, of this city.

At the time of her death she was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dr. D. F. Stuart.

Mrs. Kate Hodgson.
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WINCHESTER, VA., Nov. 22.—Mrs. Kate Hodgson, widow of the late Abner Hodgson, died suddenly last night at her home in Kansas City, aged about 85 years. She was a native of this county, and a sister of the late Chas. L. Crum.


DEATHS.
EPPS—Died, at the residence of his father, John E. Epps, No. 806 East Leigh Street, Thursday, November 21, 1901, at 6:15 P. M., JOHN E. EPPS, JR., in the twenty-fourth year of his age.

Funeral will take place from St. Peter's Cathedral SATURDAY MORNING.

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RICHMOND CITY IS IN THE RACE

Want Post of United States Army Established Here.

THE RESULT PROBLEMATIC.

Board of General Army Officers Convenes in Washington on Monday to Select New Sites.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Col. Walter F. Randolph, chief of artillery, and Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel C. Reber, military secretary, were today detailed as a member and recorder, respectively, of the Board of General Officers recently appointed to meet here on the 25th instant. This board was appointed to consider the location and distribution of military posts required for the proper accommodation, instruction and training of the army.

THE BOARD.
The detail of this board as finally constituted and announced today, follows: Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles, Major-General John R. Brooke, Major-General Elwell S. Otis, Major-General Samuel B. M. Young, Major-General Arthur MacArthur, Brigadier-General John C. Bates, Brigadier-General George M. Randall, Brigadier-General William A. Koble, Colonel Wallace F. Randolph and Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Reber.

This board is instructed to examine existing army posts, to recommend whether these be abandoned or enlarged, and is also empowered to pass upon the size and character of such new posts as may be necessary, having due regard in all its recommendations to the proper distribution of the different arms of the service, based upon strategic, sanitary and other considerations.

RICHMOND IN FIELD.
Nothing whatever can be learned here from any individual composing the board, as to what may be their conclusions, but it is learned unofficially that some posts now considered obsolete from a military point of view, will be discontinued and possibly several along the Atlantic seaboard be established.

Richmond is largely and conspicuously in the field for an army post, but what the success of its promoters may be is, of course, entirely problematical. Virginia's representatives in Congress will undoubtedly take this question up at their earliest opportunity after the convening of Congress.

DENTISTS BANQUET.

Local Society Entertains Visitors of the Tidewater Association.

The annual banquet of the Richmond City Dental Society was given last night in the private dining hall at Murphy's. Guests at this banquet were the visiting members of the Tidewater Dental Association, which was in session here yesterday.

Party covers were laid, and besides a number of the local dentists there were present several visitors, including Mr. Polk Miller and Mr. A. Grant, of this city. Between courses the party was entertained by Mr. Miller and Stein's orchestra.

Dr. P. W. Stiff, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, presided as toastmaster, and in response to those topics proposed, three local members and three visitors spoke, making apt and bright hits. An address of welcome was made by Dr. J. Hall Moore, which was responded to by Dr. W. H. Ewald, of Portsmouth.

Among the visitors attending the banquet were: Drs. R. H. Walker, J. N. Webster, N. M. Sturgess, W. C. Barrett, of Norfolk; W. H. Ewald, W. Haller, of Portsmouth; H. W. Campbell, of Suffolk, and John P. Stiff, of Fredericksburg. Local members were: Drs. A. B. Bowles, R. Bridgeforth, L. M. Cowardin, W. J. Cowardin, W. N. Davis, W. F. Davidson, J. W. Eggleston, Edward Eggleston, J. H. Easley, Ulrich Harman, C. E. Hartman, R. Y. Henley, H. C. Jones, G. F. Keene, C. A. Kerser, J. Hall Moore, W. H. O. McGehee, E. C. McSparrin, P. P. Starke, A. C. Oppenheimer, C. L. Steel, A. L. Stratford, F. W. Stiff, Irvin B. Smith, H. W. Talley, William Pilcher, E. P. Wright, R. C. Walden, W. D. Mills, A. Wendlinger, M. B. Rudd and C. R. Turner.

Farmers, 34; Guild, 13.
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 22.—The North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts defeated Guilford College on the Raleigh gridiron to-day by a score of 34 to 0. Guilford put up a plucky fight, but about eighteen yards was as near as they could get to a goal.

ATLANTA, GA.—The preparations are already being made for the entertainment of the negro Young People's Christian Congress, which is to meet in this city August 6-11, 1902.

THE CITY IS WELL OFF FINANCIALLY

There Will be a Big Fight for Appropriations.

SOON TO WORK ON THE BUDGET

Committee on Retrenchment and Reform Unable to Get a Quorum—Gathering Information for Committee on Expansion.

The Committee on Retrenchment and Reform was to have held a meeting last night to consider matters in relation to the increase of salaries of certain officers. A quorum of that body did not appear and no business could be transacted.

The Finance Committee of the City Council will not get to work upon the annual budget before January. The city is in much better financial condition than for several years, and there will naturally be a big fight among the several departments for increased appropriations.

Messrs. August Moll and Arden Howell have been selected by the subcommittee on Extension of the Corporate Limits, to assist in the gathering of statistics. Mr. Moll is one of the deputies in the office of the Commissioner of Revenue. Mr. Howell is the law partner of Mr. H. M. Tyler. They are both gentlemen well qualified for the work they will have to perform. It is probable that there will be a meeting of the committee next week. Messrs. Moll and Howell have both gone to work to gather information for the use of the committee at its next meeting.

The lines are being laid out for the underground conduits of the Southern Bell Telephone Company. Mr. Jackson, Bell representative as City Engineer's Department and Mr. Picanau the company. All the wires in the central part of the city will be placed under the ground.

Councilman Morgan R. Mills, the mover of the resolution to appoint a committee to investigate the defalcation of Mr. Cecil L. Epps, late of the Gas-Inspector's department, has called the committee to meet in Room No. 5 in the City Hall at 5 o'clock next Monday afternoon.

COULDN'T AGREE.

Jury in Suit Against the Traction Company Adjourns Over.

The jury in the suit of Mary E. Minor against the Traction Company for \$25,000 could not agree in the Law and Equity Court last night, and adjourned over to this morning. The plaintiff claimed the sum mentioned for injuries sustained to her side and back in an accident at Ninth and Broad Streets some months ago.

Suit was brought in the Law and Equity Court yesterday afternoon by Richard L. Moschetti against Antonie Moschetti for \$500.

James N. Fisher qualified as administrator of Florence Fisher in the Chancery Court yesterday, and Richard Talley qualified as guardian of Ray M. Lida and Lavater alley, his infant children.

David Meade White qualified to practice in the court.

Terce-Cent Fares.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., Nov. 22.—The Norfolk Street Railway, of which ex-Governor Brown of Maryland is president, is carrying passengers for three cents.

The road is being built into Norfolk, and it is reported, will put the three-cent rate in effect in this city.

STARTLING, BUT TRUE.

"If every one knew what a grand medicine Dr. King's New Life Pills is," writes D. H. Turner, Dempseytown, Pa., "you'd sell all you have in a day. Two weeks ago I was a new man of me." Infallible for constipation, stomach and liver troubles. 25 cents at Owens and Minor's Drug Company.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

See important change in Southern Railway schedule, effective November 24, 1901. Local train for Durham, Danville, Charlotte and intermediate stations will leave daily at 9:20 A. M. Fast limited train, with coaches, Pullmans and dining car, will leave Richmond daily at 2:30 P. M. for Jacksonville, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans, Chattanooga, Memphis and all points south.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Much interest is being taken in the approaching wedding of Dr. Joseph Page Massey and Miss Cynthia Mundy, which will occur next Wednesday at the home of the bride, "Ainslie," Amherst county. Dr. Massey will leave here next Monday, and among those who will attend the wedding from this city are Mr. Norman Morton, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Massey and Mr. Robert G. Hulen. A handsome reception will follow the ceremony, after which the young couple will leave on a special train for Washington.

The bride-elect is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Christian Mundy, of Amherst, and is widely known and popular throughout Virginia. Dr. Massey is the brother of Dr. C. W. Massey, and is one of the most popular and rising physicians in this city.

A delightful silver tea was given yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Duval by the Junior Circle of King's Daughters. The parlors were beautifully decorated in palms and growing chrysanthemums, and the shaded lights added greatly to the artistic effect. Those who assisted in receiving and helped to make it a pleasant evening for those who cast their coins for the benefit of the Shelter Arms Hospital were: Mrs. A. Warwick, Mrs. Chesterman, Mrs. Kate Blankenship and Miss Ashby Miller, and were assisted in receiving by Mesdames William Miller, Schell, Charles Mosby, Abbott, Misses Elizabeth Patterson, Bessie Catlin, Katharine McIntyre, Bessie Hill, Lily Hill, Lela Gray, Belle Johnson and Mrs. Richard Johnson.

A merry and happy throng was that which gathered last night about nine o'clock at the Belvidere Hall to dance the second German given by the Junior Cottillon Club. The German was skillfully led by Mr. George B. Christian. The chorography was: Mesdames W. P. Christian, J. L. Lindsay, John Mann, Kidwell and Miss Kidwell. The wee small hours of the morning were present when the happy young people said good-bye to one another with much regret.

Miss Jessie Akers Gibboney, of No. 317 West Franklin Street, will hold her first dancing class of the season this afternoon at Chestnut Hill Hall. Miss Gibboney has only just returned from New York, where she underwent a thorough training in physical culture and society dancing. These dancing classes are being looked forward to as among the social events of the Hill.

The approaching marriage of Dr. Edwin Jones Nixon, to Miss Olivia Brickett Patrick, of North Carolina, is causing great interest in this city. Dr. Nixon was formerly of Wilmington, but has recently been connected with the Atlantic Coast Line relief department. While here, he made for himself a host of friends, who will extend to him their congratulations next Wednesday. The wedding will take place at Trinity Church, Chocowilch, N. C., at one o'clock.

Miss M. S. Bliss charmed her audience yesterday afternoon at the Woman's Club, with her informal talks on "A Conversational Method of Teaching Modern Languages." The talk was illustrated with class lessons, showing the rapidity with which the pupils may acquire the use of a foreign language.

The Bachelors' Club of the Constitutional Convention have received an invitation to be present at a "necktie party" at No. 239 East Broad Street. This invitation was extended by the members of St. James Methodist Church. Several well-known persons will take part in the attractive programme which has been arranged.

Miss Letha Parker was maid of honor Wednesday at the marriage of Miss Annie McGhee, of Hanover, to Mr. James Burnett, of New Kent, at Black Creek Church.

The best man was Mr. Elyson McGhee, the brother of the bride. The ushers were Messrs. Elmer Barker, Newton Acre, Hennie Nook, Edwin Gauding, B. Brown and Ray Parsley. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Sutton Palmer and little daughter Camille, who have been visiting here for some time, are leaving home near this city, left last night, for San Francisco, where they will spend the winter with their parents, Judge and Mrs. Moore.

Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson will lecture before the Woman's Club Monday evening at 8:30. The ladies on this occasion are requested to wear evening dress and bring gentlemen escorts only.

Miss Lacy Meriden, of this city, presided at the original Wednesday of the wedding of Mr. Ellis Jenkins and Miss Maude Raymond, at the Four-Mile Creek Baptist Church.

The marriage is announced for next Wednesday of Mr. Cabell Rives and Miss Alce Maude Tompkins, of Guinea.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page left Washington Thursday for New York, in which city they expect to spend a few days. Upon their return they will take days residence in Washington for the winter.

Mrs. R. H. Lindsay, of Richmond, was registered at the Stafford, in Baltimore, Thursday night.

Mrs. F. Taylor, Mrs. E. W. Taylor and Miss Sarah Taylor, of Appomattox, are spending the week in Richmond.

Miss Indie Pleasant is the guest of the Misses Scott, of Staunton.